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# A New Era: Stansbury takes reigns of WKU basketball

New WKU head men's basketball coach Rick Stansbury speaks during his first press conference at the Harbaugh Club in Smith Stadium. Stansbury was most recently an associate head coach at Texas A&M and was also head coach at Mississippi State. JUSTIN GILLILAND/HERALD

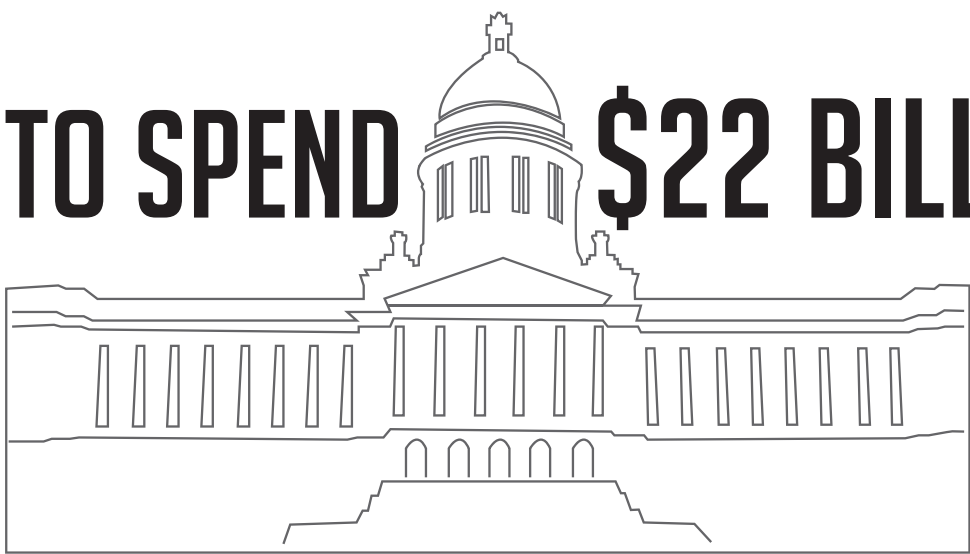


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A crowd of WKU supporters and media members filled Smith Stadium's Harbaugh Club as WKU introduced its new men's basketball coach. Rick Stansbury, former Mississippi State head coach and recent Texas A&M associate head coach, becomes the 15th man to take over the Hilltoppers program. "There is no question our program is fortunate to have someone with the resume of success in so many areas that Rick Stansbury has," Athletic Director Todd Stewart said.

Stansbury has collected 293 wins and 11 trips to postseason tournaments in his head coaching career. During his time at MSU, he brought in five top 20 recruiting classes, cementing his reputation as a powerful recruiter in a conference dominated by the University of Kentucky. "Recruiting is of vital success for any program, and previous success in this area was a must," Stewart said. Stansbury's contract is a four-year deal worth \$500,000 with the option to extend the deal for one year beginning in 2020. Turn to page B6 for our full coverage.

# HOW TO SPEND \$22 BILLION



KENTUCKY HOUSE AND SENATE LEADERS ARGUE OVER DIFFERENT PLANS TO SPEND ABOUT \$22 BILLION OVER THE NEXT TWO YEARS. MOST OF THE CONTROVERSY SURROUNDS THE CUTS AND FUNDING OF HIGHER EDUCATION AND STATE PENSION PLANS.

GOVERNOR BEVIN	HOUSE DEMOCRATS	SENATE REPUBLICANS
•CUTS \$215 MILLION FROM HIGHER EDUCATION FUNDING	•RESTORES HIGHER EDUCATION CUTS PROPOSED BY OTHER TWO BUDGETS	•SUPPORTS GOVERNOR BEVIN'S CUTS TO HIGHER EDUCATION FUNDING
•USES 33% OF BASE ALLOCATION FOR PERFORMANCE BASED FUNDING	•HAS NO PERFORMANCE BASED MODEL FOR FUNDING	•USES 22% OF BASE ALLOCATION FOR PERFORMANCE BASED FUNDING
•GIVES \$845 MILLION TOWARDS EXISTING PENSION FUND	•GIVES \$1.12 BILLION TOWARDS EXISTING PENSION FUND	•GIVES \$1.19 BILLION TOWARDS EXISTING PENSION FUND
•CREATES "PERMANENT FUND" AND ALLOCATES \$500 MILLION TO IT	•ALLOCATES \$250 MILLION TO PROPOSED "PERMANENT FUND"	•DOES NOT DESIGNATE FUNDING FOR PROPOSED "PERMANENT FUND"

## SGA to recommend guidelines for next president

BY DUSTIN SKIPWORTH  
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WKU's Student Government Association will present a new resolution in their April 5 meeting that outlines possible qualities and policies of WKU's 10th president. The resolution has undergone some changes since it first appeared in last Tuesday's meeting agenda. President Jay Todd Richey, who is a member of the university's Presidential Search Committee, believes the resolution must be representative of students wishes. "I could make a bulleted list of what I want to see," Richey said, "but I want it to be as democratic as possible. That's why we're going through SGA." The resolution contains clauses describing the future president's need to focus on academics, transparency and equality. Several senators have taken part in writing the resolution's current iteration. Richey said this is his official stance on WKU's next president, but it isn't necessarily the final draft. "If the senate chooses to, then they

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# House rejects Senate budget proposal

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On March 23, the Kentucky Senate passed its version of the state's budget; however, this budget was quickly rejected by the House of Representatives, and a joint Budget Conference Committee was appointed to reach a compromise. The Republican-run Senate's budget proposal was similar to Gov. Matt Bevin's budget, which cut \$650 million in state funding from various areas. Bevin's budget included an initial 4.5 percent budget cut and then additional 9 percent cuts to nearly all agencies, including postsecondary education. The House had removed all of these cuts in its budget proposal, but the Senate's budget restored these cuts. Senator Stephen West said the budget cuts, while difficult, are necessary to stabilize the state's pension system. If the system is not stabilized, West said, there could be "catastrophic" results. "It's not something that we want to do; unfortunately, it's something that we have to do," West said during the presentation of the bill. The cuts to postsecondary education, which total \$215 million, have

come under fire from university presidents. West said he believed the universities will be able to continue to supplement their lost funding in other ways. West said that after the 2007 economic downfall, the state was forced with only 22.3 percent coming from state appropriations. During this time, tuition increased nearly 11 percent. The Senate's budget also restores performance-based funding, which was a part of Bevin's budget the House removed.

*"...if we're going to enter an era of performance-based funding, it is important that there be a fair and equitable starting point."*

Senator Stephen West (R)-Paris

to cut funding for postsecondary education institutions. In response, the universities found other means, such as endowments, to generate funds. Rather than lose revenue, the schools were able to increase it, and the total revenue for all state universities rose from \$4.7 billion in the 2007-2008 fiscal year to \$6.3 billion today. WKU's revenues also increased during this time. During the 2007-2008 fiscal year, WKU brought in \$288,788,582 with 29 percent coming from state appropriations. During the 2013-2014 fiscal year, the university's total revenue was \$324,485,791

In the Senate's proposal, performance-based funding will account for 25 percent of the contribution from the state. It also includes a stop-loss component that will prevent universities from losing too much funding if their performance causes them to fall too quickly. In addition to including performance-based funding, the proposal also restores equity funding to WKU and Northern Kentucky University. Sen. Christian McDaniel said the Council on Postsecondary Education released a report that showed

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## CISO aims to represent international students

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A new student organization hopes to be a representative voice for the many of international students at WKU. In response to lack of representation for international students in the Student Government Association, WKU has officially recognized a new organization known as the Council of International Students. Chandigarh, India, graduate student Aditya Sharma is the new chairman of finance for the Council of International Students and is the president of the Indian Student Association. "It's not necessary for talent to be in one organization," Sharma said. "There are many international students who are not getting a platform to come over and show their talents. SGA doesn't really have any other

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# CALENDAR

## TUESDAY, MARCH 29

Baseball: WKU vs. Louisville  
Location: Nick Denes Field  
Time: 6 p.m.

Love the Way You Lie  
Location: Downing Student Union Auditorium  
Time: 7 p.m.

Electoral Paths & Support for Same-Sex Marriage  
Legislation: Evidence from Taiwan  
Location: Honors College and International Center 1011  
Time: 6 p.m.

## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30

MyCampusToo Forum  
Location: DSU 2081  
Time: 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

CAB Musical Showcase  
Location: DSU 1037  
Time: 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Softball: WKU vs. Louisville  
Location: WKU Softball Complex  
Time: 6 p.m.

Reformed University Fellowship - R.U.F.  
Location: Faculty House  
Time: 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.

The Tinder Games  
Location: DSU 3005  
Time: 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

# Gatton Academy partners with National Stem Cell Foundation

BY CARLY MATHEWS  
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Middle school teachers from around the country will have the opportunity to become National Stem Cell Foundation Scholars thanks to a joint program through the foundation and WKU's Gatton Academy.

The Scholar program will allow teachers to access a variety of resources to help keep kids interested in the sciences during a time in their lives that can make or break a contin-

ued interest in the field.

"By giving teachers this scholarship, we're hoping to reach hundreds of thousands of students through the chosen teachers' classrooms," Paula Grisanti, the chairwoman and CEO of the National Stem Cell Foundation, said.

The program will begin its first year this summer and has been given a grant by the foundation for five years.

"The foundation funds research and researchers, and unless we help find a way to keep kids interested, research-

ers won't exist," Grisanti said.

The NSCF Scholars program is geared towards middle school science teachers as a way to help the chosen teachers access more resources.

"This program is a way for teachers to learn new strategies and new ways to engage students to help them become and stay interested in science and math," Julia Roberts, the executive director of the academy and the Center for Gifted Students, said.

The teachers will spend a week in early June at WKU at-

tending presentations from speakers and workshops and will also receive a mentorship from a WKU professor.

The program will focus on all science disciplines though the scholars will have a chance to focus on a certain branch of study during a challenge project at the end of the program.

The original 10 scholars will travel to Washington, D.C., next January to share their experience with the next 10 scholars and to explore even more teaching resources.

The academy and the Center for Gifted Students hope the training and mentorship offered during this program will have a positive impact on middle school science teachers, their colleagues and their students.

"The 10 teachers sharing their experience with their colleagues, and their 10 challenge projects that can be used as a resource to others, will help make sure that the benefits of this program reach far beyond the Scholars," Roberts said.

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WKU and NKU were underfunded compared to the other state universities. To be compensated for this loss, WKU and NKU will be given a portion of the equity funding the governor originally promised in his budget proposal. If these funds are given, WKU will receive \$2.6 million.

West said restoring the equity funding was necessary.

"This is important because if we're

going to enter an era of performance-based funding, it is important that there be a fair and equitable starting point," West said.

In an email, President Gary Ransdell said he has spent a large amount of time in Frankfort lobbying against the budget cuts.

"I have continued to have discussions with Gov. Bevin and his key staff as well," Ransdell said. "All of the university presidents have worked together to advocate for Kentucky's higher education priorities — primarily, pro-

tecting university base funding."

Ransdell said other portions of the bill, including the portion denying funding to capital projects, will also affect the school.

The university currently has plans to build a new facility for the Gordon Ford College of Business and a new parking structure; however, these plans are currently in jeopardy because of funding cuts.

In addition to higher education institutions, very few government agencies were exempt from budget cuts.

McDaniel said he understands the budget cuts will be difficult, but all of the cuts are necessary given the state's current financial situation.

"We have to address our current problems in order to be able to invest in our future opportunities," McDaniel said.

Members of the Budget Conference Committee must have reached a compromise by Monday at midnight. If they fail to reach this deadline, they could lose out on the opportunity to dispute vetoes from the governor.

### SGA

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can remove, edit or add clauses," Richey said.

Another author, John Winstead, who is also a columnist for the Herald, was hopeful that the resolution could include a clause that might steer the next president toward community inclusion.

"We are incredibly insulated from the

surrounding community," Winstead said.

The resolution contains a clause on the future president's need to recognize the Jonesville community: an area that has been built on and developed by WKU over time.

"The right thing was to never evacuate the people of Jonesville in the first place," Winstead said. "That's no excuse to do nothing."

For another student senator and res-

olution author, Andi Dahmer, diversity, equality and inclusion are integral parts of the resolution. She is particularly excited to see the possibility of a change in the type of person heading the university.

"They have all been white males," Dahmer said of WKU's leadership. "It can be really important for people of all genders and classes and sexualities to see someone different in a high level of administration."

The resolution will not be voted on in Tuesday's meeting. It will simply be presented to the senate to review. Further debate on the resolution might take place in the next SGA meeting.

"It's an amazing [opportunity] we have to have a voice in selecting our next president," Dahmer said. "It's very important for all students, not just senators, to participate in the selection."

### CISO

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members other than African Student Association, at least that I am aware of."

Sharma said he is aware that SGA is an organization intended to help students on campus, including international students. However, according to Sharma, SGA does not fully represent all the international organizations on campus.

CISO is an organization that represents nine different international organizations. According to Pendleton, Indiana, senior Henry Nottinson, who is the president of the African Student Union and chairman of CISO, the council hopes to include more international organizations as it grows.

"We formed in order to unite every-

one together and get to know the other organizations around us," Nottinson said.

Nottinson and Sharma are not the only members who are looking forward to seeing WKU unite.

Dhaka, Bangladesh, graduate student Ikbal Parveg is the president of the Bangladesh Students' Association and another member of the council.

Parveg is excited to see how the council can bring WKU together.

"It is my personal opinion that Western students are not very involved," Parveg said. "You never see a lot of people hanging out because everyone is reserved."

"We [CISO] want to break down the barriers," Parveg said. "Our main goal of this council is to basically unite the students to share everyone's culture."

CISO was formally accepted and rec-

ognized two weeks ago. The council is still establishing itself but is already in the process of creating two events.

CISO will be hosting an international olympics and international festival in the month of April.

"We [CISO] plan to be very active and have the university as a whole partici-

pate," Sharma said. "We are trying to build bridges between international students as well as local students."

According to Sharma, the olympics and festival will help jumpstart the group's initiative to unite and bring recognition to many of the organizations the council has to offer.

## CRIME REPORTS

- Freshman William Kiser, Fort Walton Beach, Fl., reported cash stolen from his dorm room in Hugh Poland Hall on March 26. The theft was valued at \$50.
- The fire alarm at Hugh Poland Hall was set off due to burnt popcorn on March 26.
- Freshman Matthew Konwent, Glen Ellyn, Ill., reported his Macbook missing from his dorm room in Barnes-Campbell Hall on March 27. The theft was valued at \$1500.

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# Lawsuit from former swim team member stalled in U.S. district court

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The federal lawsuit filed last year by former swim team member Collin Craig against WKU coaches, athletic administration and members of the swim team has been delayed with motions of dismissal. Craig's allegations of hazing and assault started the Title IX investigation that led to the five-year suspension of the team beginning in 2015. Craig, who no longer attends WKU, filed a lawsuit against athletic director Todd Stewart, former swim team head coach Bruce Marchionda, an associate head coach, two assistant athletic directors and three former swim team members. The

lawsuit claims negligence from all of the defendants, in addition to charges of assault, battery and infliction of emotional distress. On Jan. 11, the lawyer representing the athletic director and coaches, Thomas Kerrick, filed a motion to dismiss all claims on behalf of the WKU defendants. "While the alleged incidents

of hazing and harassment detailed in the complaint fall far short of the conduct WKU expects of its students, WKU is under no duty to police its students at all times wherever they might be," Kerrick said in the argument for the dismissal of the claims. "To impose such a duty on WKU and its staff – or any other university –

would fundamentally change the relationship between the university and its students, removing from the students all semblances of privacy and freedom to grow and mature while attending college." Kerrick was contacted for comment, but did not respond in time for publication. Since Jan. 11, there have

been several extensions and motions filed by both the defendant and plaintiffs. The extensions are for the defendant and plaintiffs to voice their support or opposition for the motion to dismiss the case. Currently, Craig has until March 31 to respond to the motion to dismiss the claims. Tyler Groneck, a former swim team member involved in the lawsuit, also has until March 31 to "file a reply in support of his motion to dismiss" the lawsuit, according to Pacer-Monitor, a federal court case tracking website. University general counsel Deborah Wilkins said that there were currently no updates to the lawsuit as of March 28.

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Thomas Kerrick

# WKU Student Research Conference to include more than 370 students

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WKU will host the 46th Annual Student Research Conference next week, with over 370 students presenting research papers, projects and performances, according to the Student Research Council. There are 304 presentations planned for April 1 and 2, according to a press release from the council. Students from across WKU will present a variety of projects on many different subjects. There will be oral presentations, poster presentations and performances. Somerset senior Jarred Johnson will be giving an oral presentation entitled "Disaqueer: An Investigation of Queerness in German Cinema." Johnson is an English and German double major and was inspired to look into this project during one of his German independent studies classes. His interest in German culture, however, goes back to when he was in high school. "I got interested in German because my family had a foreign exchange student when



Aurora, Indiana junior Isaac Bowers will present at the Student Research Conference this weekend. He will be presenting his research based on a case study that look at severe weather events near his hometown from 2012, how metrology technology was used then and how it has improved since then." SHABAN ATHUMAN/HERALD

I was in high school from Germany," Johnson said. Additionally, Johnson studied abroad in Berlin in 2014. He said that his time in Berlin opened his eyes to the beginnings of the gay rights movement. "Gay rights really began in Berlin," Johnson said. "And I really felt that when I was in

Berlin." Johnson's project looks at the representation of queer relationships in German cinema. Johnson said that his project will be completed in May, so he will be reading the main points of his paper and be looking for feedback. Aurora, Indiana, junior Isaac Bowers will also be giving

an oral presentation. His presentation is entitled "The Severe Weather Outbreak of March 2, 2012: An Analysis of Remote Sensing Techniques." Bowers' project focuses on a case study of a severe weather event that occurred near his hometown in 2012; it analyzes what weather forecasting tools were used during the event and what improvements have come to meteorology technology since it occurred. "The date it happened, I was a junior in high school, and I knew I wanted to do meteorology," Bowers said. "It was so close to home." Bowers began looking into this topic when he took a forecasting class and was assigned a case study. This semester, he continued working with the case study in another class and was encouraged to submit his work by his mentor, meteorology professor Joshua Durkee. "My presentation right now is 18 minutes," Bowers said. "I'll be cutting it down to the bare minimum. I have a PowerPoint presentation with screen-captures and mod-

els of data [showing] how the technology was good or bad and concluding with an analysis." Bowers said that in addition to allowing him to work with his mentor, WKU offered support for students looking to present at the research conference that helped him prepare. "The university has a couple of sessions in the month before," Bowers said. "Those were really helpful." Darlene Applegate, chairwoman of the council, encouraged all students and faculty to attend the Student Research Conference this weekend. "The annual student conference is a wonderful opportunity to showcase the amazing research and creative projects that our undergraduate and graduate students complete under the expert guidance of faculty and staff mentors," Applegate said in a press release. "We encourage the entire campus and community to attend the conference and learn about the incredible accomplishments of our talented students."

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## YAKS FROM THE HILL

"A white squirrel just peed on me."  
—March 28 1:05 pm

"Whenever I pop a pimple I feel like I'm killing it and it's so satisfying to watch it die."  
—March 28 11:52 am

"Remember that scene in Batman v. Superman where Batman has that nightmare that Superman turned Earth into a wasteland? I had that same dream but with Trump instead of Superman."  
—March 28 11: 38 pm

"What if Jesus was a time traveler with Kool-Aid, DayQuil, and eye-glasses?"  
—March 28 10:52 am

"I just wish class would be cancelled. I'm not going anyways but at least then I'd have a reason."  
—March 28 10:00 am

"It's all fun and games until you see someone you know on tinder and they decide to bring it up when you see them in person."  
—March 27 11:44 pm

"Some people stress-eat. I stress-ignore-my-issues until i drown in them."  
—March 27 11:27 pm

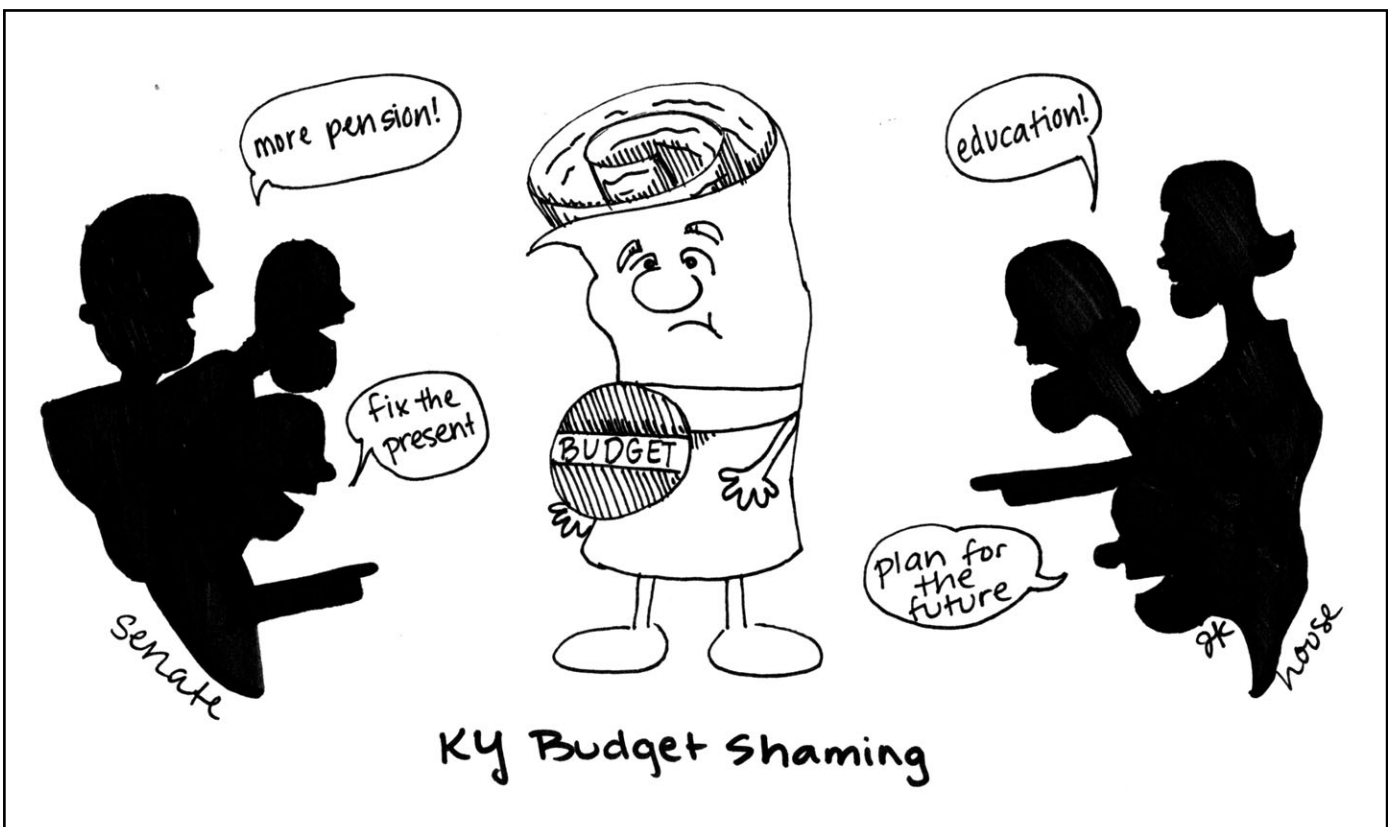
"I feel so old. When I was in high school Myspace was the popular thing."  
—March 27 10:40 pm

"When did it become a thing to make your dog an Instagram?"  
—March 27 9:49 pm

"Give a man anonymity and he'll say racist shit."  
—March 27 8:31 pm

"What ever happened to Lady Gaga?"  
—March 27 7:32 pm

### EDITORIAL



CARTOON BY JENNIFER KING

## EDUCATION MATTERS

### SENATE, HOUSE BUDGET COMPROMISE COULD SAVE HIGHER EDUCATION FUNDING

**THE ISSUE:** After revisions were made to Gov. Matt Bevin's proposed budget by the House and Senate, they now need to come to a compromise

**OUR STANCE:** The House budget is much better because of how kind it was to higher education funding, so if the final version leant more towards that it would diminish the burden that Bevin's original budget put on universities.

Two weeks ago Kentucky's House of Representatives finished drafting their revised version of Bevin's state budget and sent it to the Senate for approval. In their version of the budget, the House got rid of all of the higher education cuts that Bevin originally proposed. Last week, the Senate drafted their own budget, which restores all of

the previous cuts to higher education that were originally proposed by Bevin in February. Not surprisingly, Kentucky's House is comprised of a majority of Democrats while the Senate has a Republican majority.

Because of this, the House rejected the Senate's version of the budget and there's now a joint Budget Conference Committee to settle the differences and come up with a budget that both can agree on.

Hopefully in the end the budget will look closer to the one that the House drafted. The committee was supposed to meet an agreement Monday night, but there was no news prior to publication. The restoration of the state higher education budget is necessary for all state universities to function properly and produce well educated students.

As stated in a previous editorial regarding Bevin's original proposed state budget, taking the focus away from education doesn't help anyone. Focusing on workforce readiness rather than educating Kentucky's cit-

izens—which basically is workforce readiness—turns people into commodities rather than creating well-rounded citizens.

According to the Community and Economic Development Initiative of Kentucky, in 2015 only 22 percent of Kentuckians had received a Bachelor's degree. Also, our state ranks 47th in the United States in educational attainment only beating Arkansas, Mississippi and West Virginia.

These numbers are shocking and a little scary, especially when you consider just how much importance our governor holds on education. We shouldn't be working towards making our state even less educated, we should be desperately trying to fix this.

It's ridiculous that our governor seems to care so little about the education of the people for which he is supposed to be an advocate, and we hope that the legislative branches of Kentucky's government will compromise on not cutting funds from higher education.

### SKIPPING BREAKFAST AT TIFFANY'S

## Here's the story from A to Z: Spicy sneakers for spicy girls



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Like many children of the '90s, I had — and have — an intense obsession with the Spice Girls. How could you not love them? Spunky, energetic and kookily fun, each Spice brought a different flavor to the mix and left me saying "girl power" at least once a day. Ginger, Baby, Scary, Sporty and, of course, Posh were fashion icons. Known for her sleek style, Posh was hardly one to dress for comfort. Her little black dress and sky-high pumps were her signature look, setting her apart from the other

Spices' colorful ensembles.

Fast forward 10 years, and the formerly stiletto-sporting Victoria Beckham has given up heels. Are we shocked? Yes, pleasantly surprised! Can we blame her for ditching the pumps and moving on to comfier pastures?

Like Posh, I was late to the stylish sneaker movement. For years, I've equated them with my dad's ratty old tennis shoes used for cutting grass and cleaning house. I've been looking at tennis shoes all wrong.

Trainers — the right kind — are an incredible way to add a different dynamic to any outfit and have the uncanny ability to take a look from drab to fab. So which spicy sneaker are you?

If you consider yourself a bit of a girly girl, throw on one of your minidresses and add a pair of white Adidas. Reward yourself for looking fit with a lolly, Baby.

Do you find yourself wearing an excessive

amount of leopard print? Scary Spice is potentially your spirit animal. Black Pumas, a black crop top and your fiercest double buns will have you looking scarily stylish.

If you are more of a tomboy, sneakers are right up your alley, Sporty. A puffer jacket with cropped sweatpants and some Yeezy-esque Adidas will do nicely.

Drape yourself in all things Union Jack to channel your inner Ginger. Your fiery attitude and a wonderbra will allow you to pull off just about anything. Go wild and wear a pair of platform sneakers!

Last, but not least, is beloved Posh. Your style is mature and polished; sneakers add unexpected pop to your look. A tailored pant, structured sweatshirt and crisp white sneakers will set you apart from the crowd.

I'll tell you what I want, what I really, really want: spicy sneakers. Girl power!



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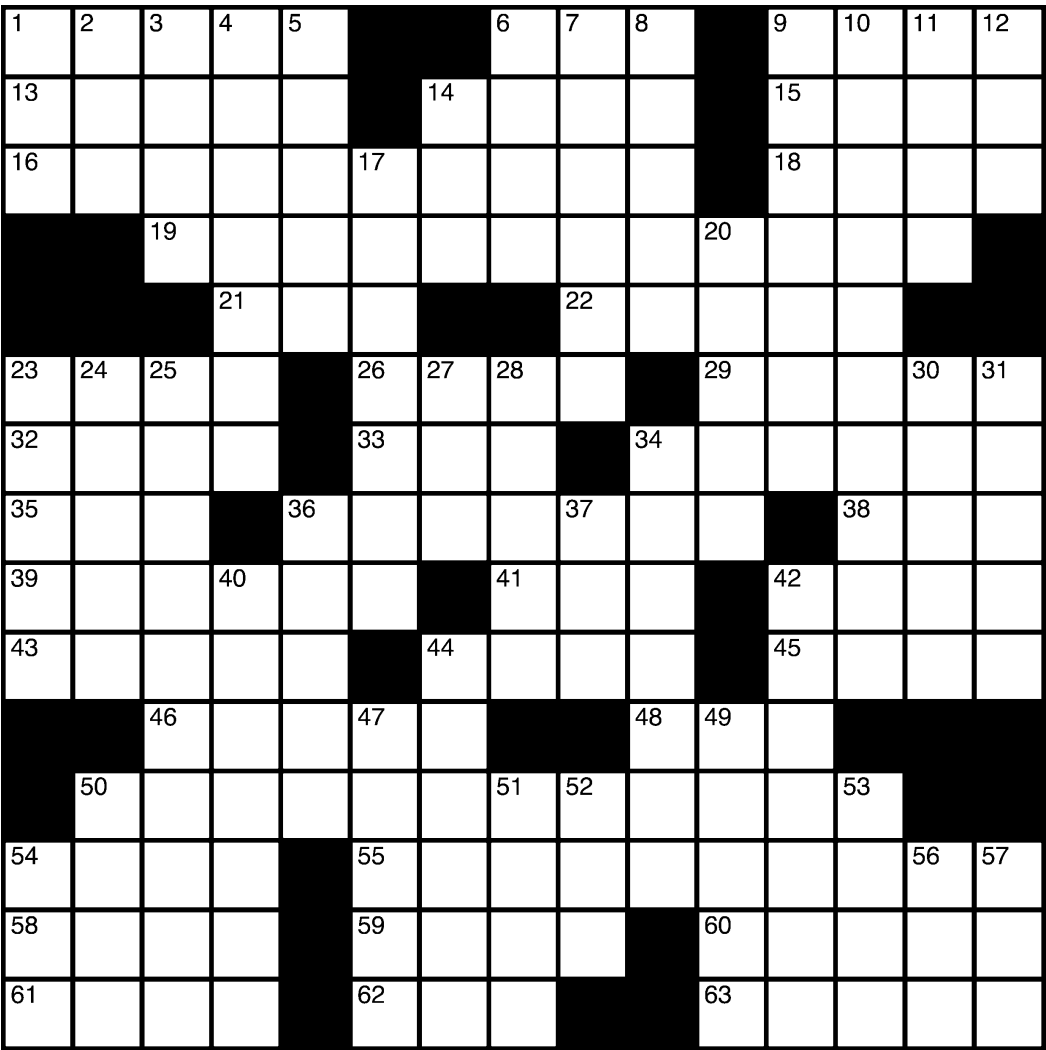
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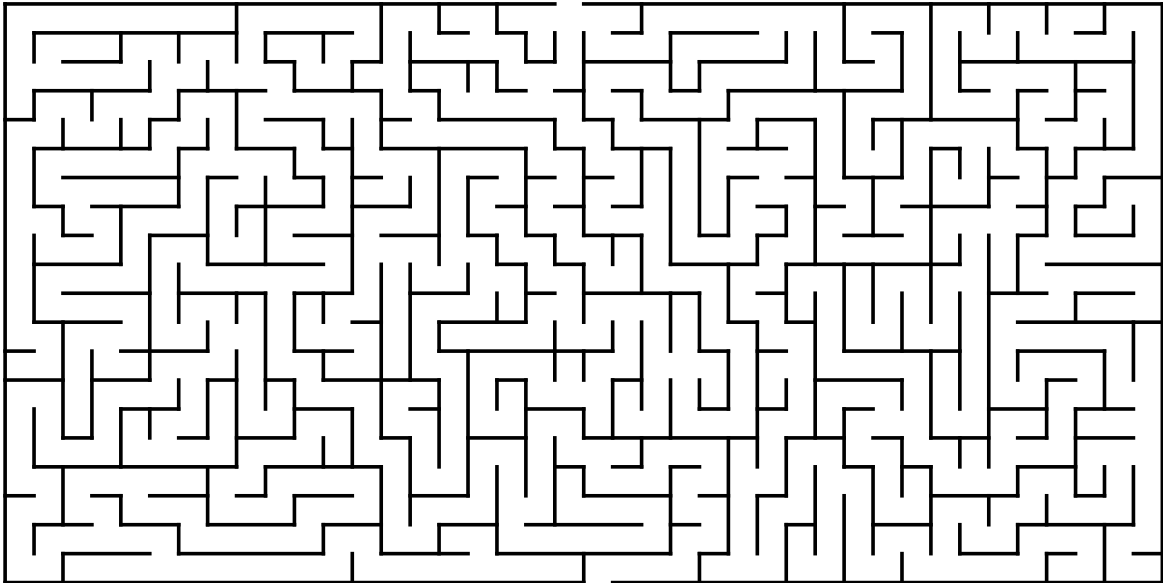
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Decked out with bunny ears, face paint and baskets, children eagerly wait for the signal to rush the Bowling Green Hot Rod stadium outfield to gather thousands of eggs spread out by volunteers from the Crossland Community Church.

Springtime means budding flowers, sunshine, fresh air and Easter.

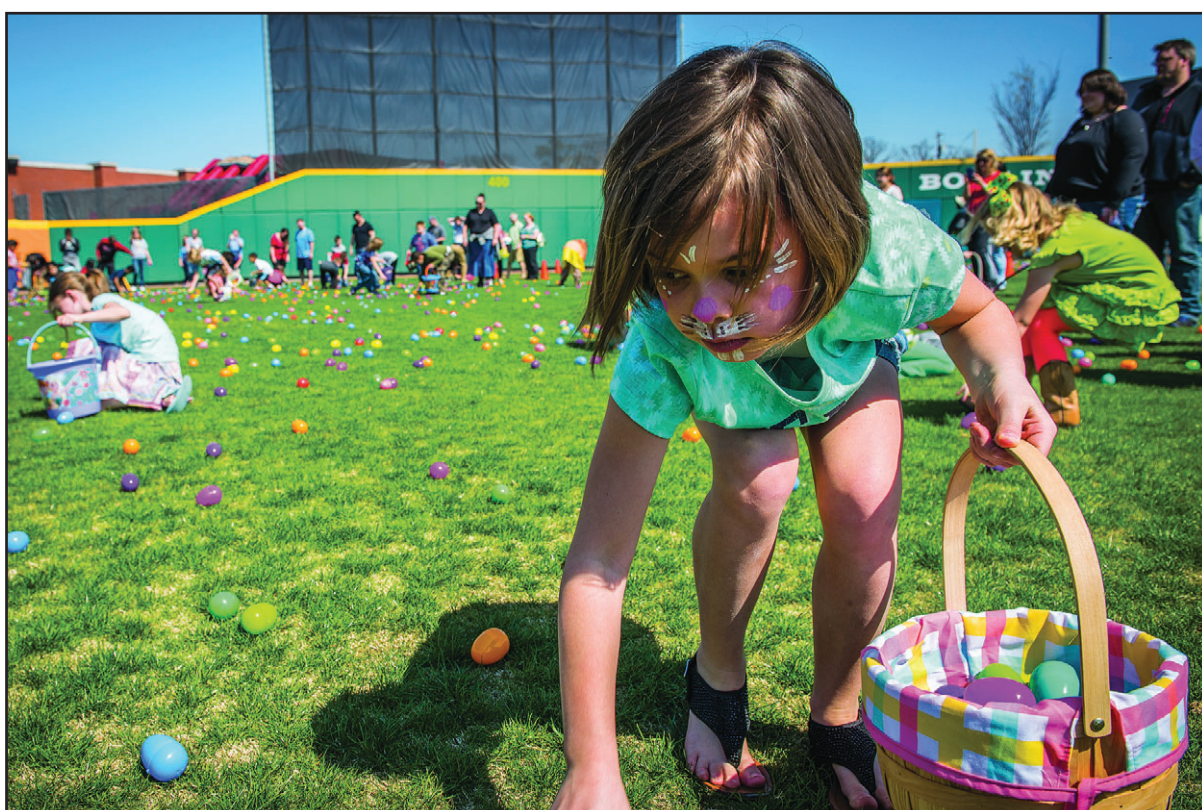
Thousands took to the Bowling Green Hot Rods Stadium on Saturday to celebrate Easter traditions and to have great family fun.

The Crossland Community Church teamed up with several local businesses to host Easter Fest, which featured face painting, prize drawings, and an egg hunt with 60,000 eggs filled with candy and toys.

Hundreds of volunteers helped to plan and execute an event that resulted in countless smiles and happy Easter memories.

# EASTER FEST

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GABRIEL SCARLETT



Children gather Easter eggs on the outfield grass of the Bowling Green Hot Rods stadium on March 26. The Crossland Community Church teamed up with several local businesses to host the event for its sixth-consecutive year.



Liam Hiam, 3, counts the eggs he collect during the sixth annual Easter Fest egg hunt at the Hot Rods stadium on Saturday. The event is put on by Crossland Community Church. 60,000 eggs are spread on the outfield with multiple egg hunts for different age groups so all participants have a fair chance.

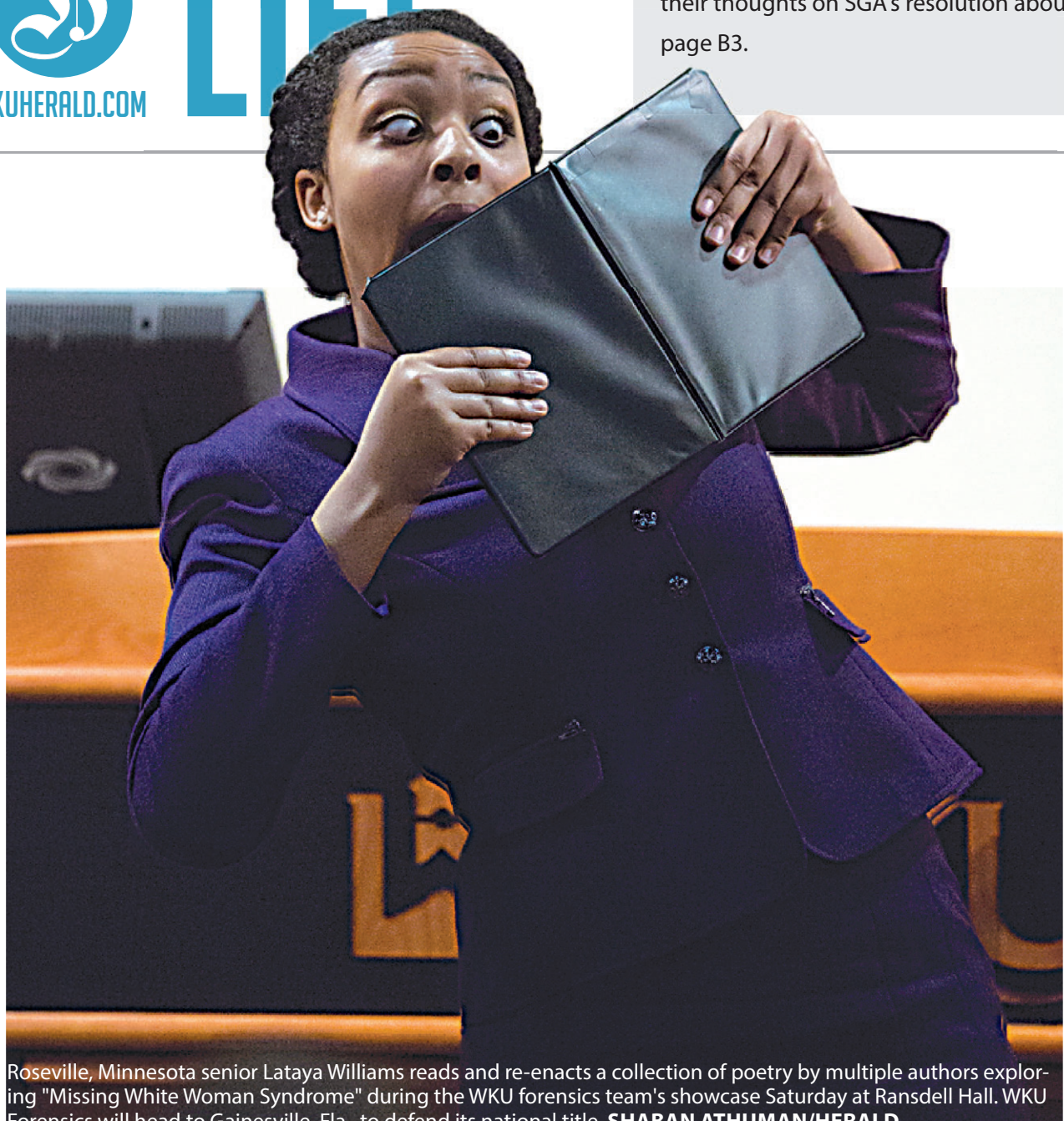


Children gather eggs during the sixth annual Easter Fest held at the Bowling Green Hot Rods stadium on Saturday. No admission fee was charged and the event drew thousands of participants. Frequent prize drawings and face painting were just a few of the featured activities.





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Roseville, Minnesota senior Lataya Williams reads and re-enacts a collection of poetry by multiple authors exploring "Missing White Woman Syndrome" during the WKU forensics team's showcase Saturday at Ransdell Hall. WKU Forensics will head to Gainesville, Fla., to defend its national title. **SHABAN ATHUMAN/HERALD**

» **SGA Presidential Resolution:** We asked the WKU community their thoughts on SGA's resolution about WKU's next president. See page B3.

## Shopping for a good cause

BY KALEE CHISM  
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Now that the spring weather is quickly approaching, it's the time of year that yard sales start to pop up on every corner.

This year, WKU's Student United Way will host its very own yard sale: Bargains for a Benefit.

"Bargains for a Benefit is a fundraiser that Student United Way was grandfathered into from the student activities office," Louisville senior Rachel Byrd, the president of Student United Way, said. "Essentially, it is a yard sale that will be held on campus near Centennial Mall."

Items are being collected from students until April 7, and by dropping these items off at the Student Activities and Organizations office located in Downing Student Union room 2059, students can earn up to five service hours. Student United Way is calling for donations of gently used items such as jewelry, clothes, small household decor and other items.

This idea began last year in the office from Josclynn Brandon, coordinator for Leadership and Volunteerism for Diversity, and was open to any organization to take over. This year, Student United Way decided to take on the challenge.

Andrew Rash, adviser for Student United Way, said the event is part of National Volunteer Week, but this is the first year it's being run by Student United Way. Rash said he hopes this year it will be even bigger and better, especially since it is run by students and not just an individual in the Student Activities and Organizations office.

"We are collecting from students, faculty, staff, alums, everybody — whatever items they are willing to give that are yard sale items, but we are especially trying to get WKU items," Rash said. "Those are items people would really have interest in."

This year, items will be donated by President Gary Ransdell himself.

"We will actually have the 'executive collection' or — I don't know what we'll call it yet — but a table of things that were Dr. Ransdell's," Rash said.

The funds raised from the event will go to an organization of Student United Way's choice.

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# FORENSICS FANFARE

## Forensics performs for tournament prep

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WKU Forensics had its end-of-the-semester showcase Saturday in Ransdell Hall in preparation for a national forensics tournament.

The forensics team will head down to Gainesville, Florida April 1-4 to compete in the American Forensic Association National Individual Events Tournament second of three

national tournaments, according to Ganer Newman, the director of WKU Forensics.

The team's showcase on Saturday served as another form of practice and a way for the team to show the WKU community the work it has been putting in for the entire season.

"Tonight we saw our students give their all and be at their absolute best before the nationals," Newman said.

The night opened with two hosts: freshman Andrea Ambam of Peculiar, Missouri, and sophomore Lyric Davis of Blue Springs, Missouri.

They reminded the crowd to "turn off your phones, laptops, beepers — if you forgot to switch centuries — and babies."

The show consisted of 10 students presenting informative speeches, dramatic interpretations, impromptu speeches, a Lincoln-Douglas debate, poetry interpretations, after-

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## Phi Mu Alpha hosts fundraiser, provides music to the elderly

BY EMMA AUSTIN  
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Music has the power to take people to a different time and place. We link music to important life events as well as a wide range of other memories and emotions.

Owensboro senior Joseph Powers, WKU's chapter president of Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia, said he witnessed this power of music last year at a Phi Mu Alpha workshop. Powers said the keynote speaker showed a video of an Alzheimer's patient who was given an iPod with music from his youth.

Before the patient received the iPod, he was very unresponsive, Powers said. When he heard the music, he immediately perked up and started talking again.

"After watching the video, our entire

chapter knew we wanted to do something like this for the people in our community who are suffering from this terrible disease," Oakland senior Zach Watts said.

The chapter collectively purchased four iPod Shuffles to donate to an adult day care facility where they will benefit patients struggling with dementia or Alzheimer's disease.

Phi Mu Alpha will also hold a fundraiser this week where donors have a chance to win a jar of Dum Dum lollipops by guessing the correct number of sweets inside. All money raised will be used to purchase iTunes gift cards to be donated with the iPods.

"This project connects with me because I've had several family members be put into nursing homes due to health issues," Chalybeate senior



Elizabethtown sophomore Ethan Smith, Clarksville, Tennessee junior CJ Powell and Bowling Green senior Angelo Rodriguez sit in the Fine Arts Center collecting money for their fraternity's fundraiser on Monday. Phi Mu Alpha was raising money to help bring music to people with dementia. **KATHRYN ZIESIG/HERALD**

Kyle Vincent said. "Anything we can do to help these great people enjoy music again, we will do."

Vincent said the chapter holds fundraisers every semester to provide donations to

music-related causes, such as helping high schools purchase instruments for their band programs.

Powers said the fraternity also gets involved with the community by traveling to nursing homes and singing to the residents, a tradition inspired by Phi Mu Alpha founder Ossian Mills, who sang to tuberculosis patients.

"At least once a semester, we go to nursing homes and sing songs just to try and brighten people's days," Powers said.

The chapter decided to donate iPods to give residents the option to choose their own music and listen to it whenever they want.

Several case studies have examined the idea that memory for music can be preserved in patients with Alzheimer's disease, according to researchers Ameer Baird, conjoint lecturer at the University of Newcastle, and Severine Samson, university professor at Université de Lille, in their 2009 article "Memory for Music in Alzheimer's Disease: Unforgettable?"

According to the Alzheimer's Association, SEE **MUSIC** PAGE B2

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dinner speeches and more.

Much of the crowd consisted of forensics students who were supporting their teammates.

Fort Lauderdale junior Michael Rizzo has been on the team for two years and was excited to see his teammates' work.

"I'm pumped and jacked to go to nationals," Rizzo said. "I know that we're going to do well. We have a great shot at this."

Elizabethtown senior Jasmine Jones is also part of the forensics team. Jones said all the presentations were awesome.

"Almost all of these performances I had seen for the first time, and I was completely blown away," she said.

Jones had only seen Lewisville, Texas, senior Haddy Badjie's persuasive speech once before and said she was touched by the piece.

Badjie performed on the topic of black girls receiving less representation and mentoring than black boys in today's society and in the past.

"Seeing how black girls are disproportionately discouraged from being in the school system inspired me to do this," Badjie said.

Badjie said the speech was not difficult to prepare because she felt invested in the piece.

"It's been pretty easy practicing with it throughout the year because it's something I'm pretty happy about," Badjie said.

Badjie's performance and connection to the subject prompted her to

create the hashtag #WeCantWait to promote the mentoring of young girls and preserve the names of those who have been forgotten in the system.

"I've mentored young girls who've been through tough issues, and I have young cousins who don't have empowerment and positivity, so this is everything to me," Badjie said.

WKU Forensics is the most rewarded organization on this campus, according to Newman.

The forensics team has been the only forensics team to win national titles from the American Forensic Association, the National Forensic Association, the NFA debate and the International Forensic Association all in the same year, Newman said.

Newman is hopeful that the team

will bring back another title.

"This is something students work tirelessly on and keep on getting better through the year, so I hope to bring back another title to the Hill," Newman said.

Many of the students are seniors, so this year's national competition is an emotional point for everyone involved with WKU Forensics, Newman said.

"It's bittersweet to see some of these students go, but I know how much they've put into this," Newman said.

This will be Badjie's last national competition. The showcase only made it more real for her.

"This is something so dear to me, and this is my last competition," Badjie said. "I know I'm going to be an emotional wreck, but I'm ready."

## MUSIC

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Alzheimer's Foundation of America, a person's ability to engage in music remains intact late into the disease because it is an activity that requires

little to no cognitive or mental processing.

Music selections from the patient's young adult years are likely to have the strongest responses, although unfamiliar music can also be beneficial because it carries no memories

or emotions and can help develop new responses in a patient, AFA stated.

"Music is one of the most powerful things on earth," Watts said. "We want these patients to experience the music from their youth to rejuvenate

them and help them gain that memory and brain function back."

The fundraiser will take place Monday through Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the first floor of the Fine Arts Center.



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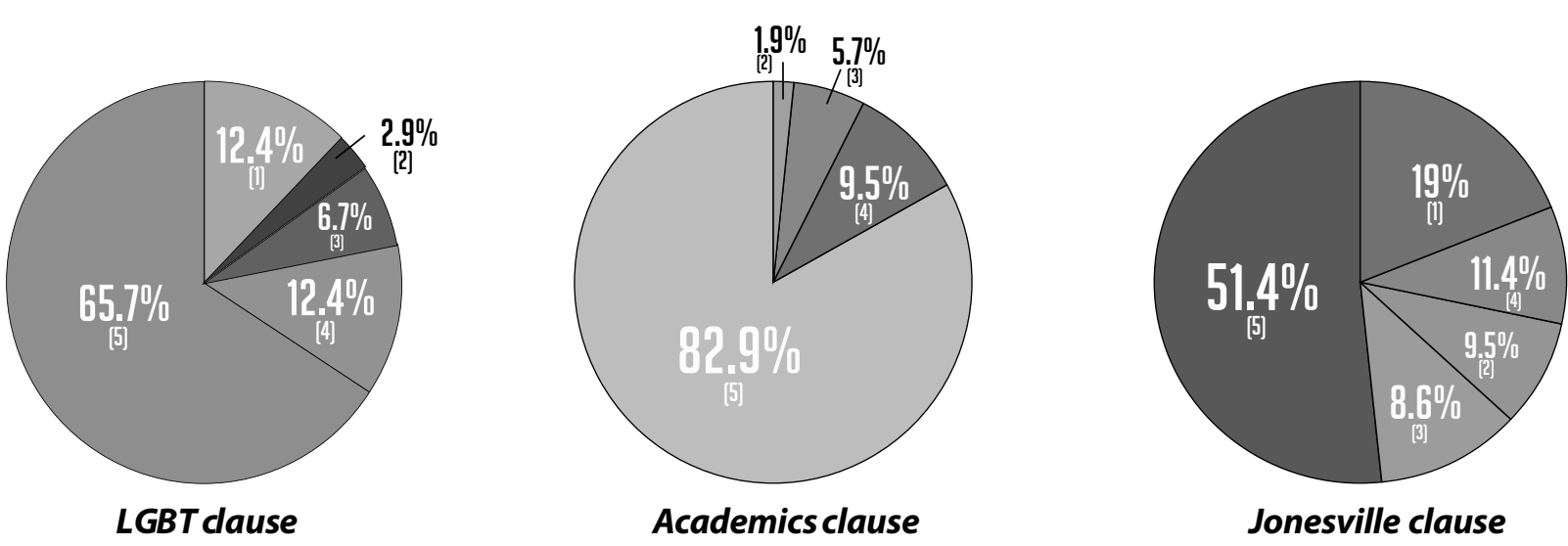
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# "WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT SGA'S PRESIDENTIAL QUALITIES/POLICIES RESOLUTION?"

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## Majority of respondents favor proposed resolution

BY ANDREW HENDERSON  
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Several Student Government Association senators have co-authored a resolution of qualities they believe the next university president should embody. The resolution will be voted on in the April 5 meeting.

The resolution is a collaborative effort between the eight co-authors in a process to involve as many voices as possible in deciding what the qualities of the next president should be, according to SGA senator and Bowling Green senior Kate McElroy.

"Since this is something that affects students greatly, we wanted to have student voices represented," McElroy said.

McElroy said John Winstead, SGA senator and Herald columnist, reached out to her to be a co-author. She said Winstead has done a lot of the writing and compiled research for the resolution. But, she said just about every clause was done in conjunction with people and organizations outside of SGA such as the Office of Sustainability.

"We really tried to make this a collaborative thing," McElroy said.

The Herald reached out to students online via a Google Forms survey to gauge the level of agreement respondents had with each of the clauses currently within the resolution. At the time of publication, the clauses included in the survey are still within the resolution and have not been altered nor have none been recently added. The full list of responses will be published online.

The survey gauged responses on a scale from one to five. One representing full disagreement with the clause, and five representing full agreement with the clause. The number of survey respondents amounted to 105.

Apart from the clause of maintaining the university's current policy of allowing student-run media, such as the Herald, to operate free of university oversight, the clause which received the most ratings of five was the prioritization of academics, with 82.9 percent of respondents rating the clause as a five.

This high rating did not come as a surprise to McElroy. She said a university should serve as primarily a place for academic pursuits but she also understands it functions as a place for athletics and extracurricular activities as well. She also recognized the clause

as one of the least contentious because students are here to learn and get a degree.

"I think that its primary goal is, and should be, to educate future generations," McElroy said.

Other clauses included "providing and maintaining resource centers for marginalized student communities" such as racial minorities and students with disabilities. This clause was voted by 65.7 percent of respondents as a five and 12.4 percent of respondents as both a one and four.

The clause which received the most ratings of one and two was the clause to "acknowledge WKU's unfair historical treatment towards the Jonesville community." The clause currently stipulates that solutions for how reparations can be made and the acknowledgement of "expanding into lower income neighborhoods with university building projects."

Jonesville was a predominately black community and was made up of approximately 70 families in the community in 1950, according to the University of Kentucky Libraries "Notable Kentucky African Americans Database."

"In 1964 the Urban Renewal Commission condemned the Jonesville

properties, then took over the properties and sold the land to WKU at a cheaper price than would have been paid to the property owners," the database states.

The Jonesville clause received a 51.4 percent five rating, but a 19 percent one rating and a 9.5 percent two rating.

McElroy said this clause was included to highlight the importance of placing institutions in the context of how they were created and how they were enabled to flourish.

"I think conversations about gentrification, which is what happened with Jonesville, are very important to have and I feel like they can be learning experiences," McElroy said.

She emphasized that the clause is not meant to demonize the administration or other individuals, but to serve as a reminder of where WKU has come from.

McElroy said she has hopes the resolution will pass.

"SGA is an organization that wants to support and really get the best option for the student body, so I hope it would pass," McElroy said.

## Residence halls collaborate to host carnival

BY KALEE CHISM  
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College students are becoming more and more stressed as the 2015-2016 academic year approaches its end, but dorms on campus are working together to help relieve some of this pressure through a new festival.

The Red Towel Carnival is going into its first year with the hope of giving students an opportunity to de-stress and enjoy spring, according to Kirsten Lindner, Elizabethtown freshman and Keen Hall's representative in the Red Towel Carnival Committee.

Lindner said the carnival will include games, a potential paint war, karaoke, inflatables, face painting, food and live music performed by WKU students.

"Through this program, we hope to help build a sense of

community in our area and throughout campus while giving back to students with an opportunity to destress from school and enjoy the spring weather," Lindner said.

This program is put on by the Red Towel portion of campus dorms, including Keen, Poland Hall and Pearce-Ford Tower, and is funded by the Residence Hall Association. Members of each dorm's hall council came together to plan this event through the Red Towel committee.

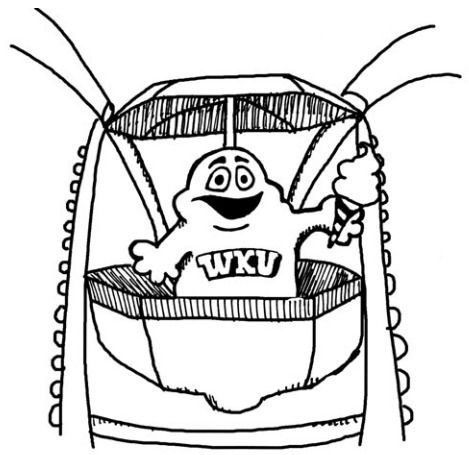
"The main focus of involvement is the three councils from the area buildings," Lindner said. "We are also having resident assistants, hall directors and potential fraternities and sororities to work alongside us in putting on the event."

Students on campus can get involved in the festival by volunteering or partaking in its activities.

"We would love for students to volunteer in working the event, but more importantly, we want students to be able to enjoy the carnival," Lindner said. "We look forward to building community in our area and giving students the opportunity to relieve stress, enjoy entertainment in the nice weather, receive prizes and have some fun."

The event will feature live music as well as games and food. The search for bands to perform has ended, but Henderson freshman Kaylan Boyd, programming vice president for the Resident Hall Association, said the association will consider new offers.

"I believe our search for more bands is over, but we will continue to consider anyone who may have an interest until a week and a half before the event," Boyd said. "These bands will perform in 45-minute intervals to get the crowd riled up for the awesome



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event."

The goal of the festival is to help students de-stress and build a sense of community on campus, specifically in the Red Towel area.

"We would love for this event to bring the opportunity for students to de-stress from school, enjoy the beautiful weather, build community and socialize," Lindner

said.

Festival planners hope to continue this event in the future and want to make it into a tradition.

"This being the first year, we're planning this being something we can do each year, like Valleypalooza," Boyd said. "We want to bring a stress-free environment to the bottom of the Hill."

### SHOPPING

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ed Way's choice to give back to the community. Currently, Student United Way has not chosen what organization the money raised will go to.

"The funds from this event will go towards a pot of money we've been

working towards since fall semester," Byrd said. "This will go towards a grant that we will allocate to a Bowling Green nonprofit organization of Student United Way's choosing."

Byrd said seeing the funds go to a good cause is the most rewarding part of the whole experience.

"I'm looking forward to seeing the WKU community, both students and

staff, coming together to donate items that will contribute to such a wonderful cause," Byrd said. "The most rewarding feeling that I get out of it is leading a group that has the community's support."

Student United Way hopes the event will be a success and wants to work to make it an annual fundraiser.

"This is something that we plan on having every single year," said Rash. "I do anticipate that this will be an event that will become a yearly spring event and fundraiser for Student United Way."

Bargains for a Benefit will be held around the area of Centennial Mall on April 12 and 13 from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.



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# Lady Toppers continue to find success

BY BAILEY TOWNSEND  
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This weekend proved to be a successful round of matches for the WKU tennis team as it defeated both the Evansville Aces and the Lindsey Wilson Blue Raiders, improving WKU's record to 9-4 for the season.

The Lady Toppers' success earned the most won matches for WKU since 2013, where the team went 10-8 for the season.

The first opponent to face WKU this weekend was the University of Evansville on Friday afternoon, when the Lady Toppers picked up their third straight win.

The duo of junior Andreanna Christopoulou and graduate student Cynthia Melita Setyawan proved to be too much for the Aces, who were defeated with a score of 6-1. WKU won at the second and third seeds as well.

The Lady Toppers were also a force in singles, sweeping the board with wins at the top five spots and an Evansville forfeit in the sixth spot.

Christopoulou, who continues to demonstrate her worth at the first seed, improved her season record to 10-2 with a 6-2, 6-0 win against the Aces.

More specifically, she has remained undefeated while competing in the top

spot in 2016.

Sophomore Tereza Hejllova and Melita Setyawan, who competed at the No. 2 and No. 3 seeds, also came out with victories.

No. 4 seed sophomore Elpida Malamou continued her winning streak to 10 straight matches and an overall record of 11-1 this year.

Overall, the Lady Toppers swept the Aces 7-0. According to wkusports.com, WKU has lost four straight matches to Evansville in series history, so this is a welcome win for the Toppers.

WKU then faced action on Saturday for its last home match of the season, but what made the day most special was the senior day ceremony held for Melita Setyawan and Gabby Crofford beforehand.

Melita Setyawan transferred to WKU this season from her native Indonesia, where she played for three years.

Her transfer brought much-needed experience to the Lady Topper team. This season, she has a 7-1 record in singles and is currently undefeated in doubles.

Crofford, a Franklin, Tennessee, native, has been at WKU for her entire collegiate career. She has also proved herself as a dependable doubles player with a record of 4-1 this season.

After the ceremony, WKU faced the Blue Raiders of Lindsey Wilson College. As in the preceding games, both



Athens, Greece, junior Andreanna Christopoulou plays in WKU's meet against Arkansas State on Wednesday at the WKU Tennis Complex. Christopoulou won her singles match 6-2. **MIKE CLARK/HERALD**

double and single players were victorious.

WKU took the doubles win in all three of its top seeds.

Christopoulou and Setyawan continue to thrive at the No. 1 seed, picking up their eighth win of the season.

Hejllova and Malamou won at the No. 2 seed. Crofford and sophomore Cassie Pennington also found victory

despite teaming up for only the second time this season.

The singles players for WKU's tennis team stepped up to the occasion with wins in the first four spots. The Lady Toppers ended the day with a satisfying 5-2 win over Lindsey Wilson.

WKU's next matchup will be against rival Middle Tennessee on April 16 in Murfreesboro, Tennessee.

## REECER'S PIECE

# Stansbury is another slam dunk hire for WKU

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Athletic Director Todd Stewart is getting really, really good at this.

Whenever a program in the athletic department at WKU has been in dire need of a head coach who could breathe new life into the team, Stewart has led the way to some

huge hires.

First, it was the massive splash he made with the hiring of former Louisville head coach Bobby Petrino as head coach for the football team.

Even though Petrino only stayed one season, this hiring resulted in the promotion of one of his assistants: Jeff

Brohm.

I believe everyone knows just how high-quality that hire turned out to be.

When the baseball team needed a new, fresh face after the firing of Matt Myers, Stewart made another great hire with the addition of John Pawlowski, who has the lead the team to a 14-9 start so far this season.

Monday brought forth yet another great hire as former Texas A&M Associate Head Coach Rick Stansbury was named the new head coach for the men's basketball team.

So besides his impressive track record, exactly what makes Stansbury's hiring such a smart move for WKU?

Well, for starters, the guy can recruit.

During his time at Mississippi State, which is primarily a football school with no glorious basketball history, Stansbury successfully recruited at least nine four-star recruits and four

five-star recruits during his time there, according to 247sports.com.

Among these players were NBA mainstays Monta Ellis, Travis Outlaw and Jarvis Varnado.

Stansbury also played a huge role in recruiting at Texas A&M during the past couple of years as the school has quickly climbed up the SEC ladder.

Stansbury also makes perfect sense for WKU because he has such a proven track record.

The man has won almost 300 games in what was previously a very good basketball conference in the SEC.

He also managed to get his team to the postseason in almost every single season during his time at MSU.

His recent success as an associate head coach at Texas A&M makes this the perfect time for Stansbury to get back into the head coaching game as the Aggies are fresh off a Sweet Sixteen

appearance in the NCAA Tournament.

To get such a seasoned coach who has proven that he can win on the toughest levels of college basketball is an absolute steal for WKU.

While the university could have pursued young talent or a former WKU head coach to come back and help restore the program to its former glory, this route was the best one to take.

Now the basketball program can get off to a brand new start with a coach who has a clean record and a tremendous amount of upside in Conference USA.

C-USA is currently just a one-bid league for the NCAA Tournament.

If Stansbury can translate his recruiting and coaching talents to what, now, is a below-average league, it will only be a matter of time before the Hilltoppers become a perennial power in C-USA.

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and Billiken's guard Olivia Jakubicek's jumper with .9 seconds remaining drastically lowered the Lady Toppers' chances of winning.

But then Bopp came up with the biggest shot of her life to keep WKU's season alive.

Sunday was less thrilling for the Lady Toppers. Both teams got off to a slow start, but South Dakota was able to build a 19-11 lead after the first quarter, capped off by a halfcourt 3-pointer at the buzzer by South Dakota guard Jasmine Trimboli.

Noble led WKU with 21 points and 3 assists but struggled against the Coyote defense, which forced the C-USA Player of the Year into six turnovers.

The Lady Toppers fought back in the second quarter and tied the game before the Coyotes took a 31-29 lead into halftime.

Ivy Brown's basket early in the third quarter knotted the game at 31, and that was the closest WKU would get. South Dakota never trailed after that and carried a 10-point lead into the final quarter en-route to the double-digit victory.

"This will pay dividends down the road," WKU's Associate Head Coach Greg Collins said in a postgame radio interview.

Tashia Brown was the only other Lady Topper in double figures with 12 points, and Ivy Brown nearly had another double-double with eight points and 10 rebounds.

"The kids battled tonight," Collins

said. "We didn't play our best ballgame, but Ivy Brown went in there and she battled with two or three bigs all night on the boards. She never wavered. She didn't win every battle in there, but she kept fighting, and that was huge. Kendall kept doing what she [did] all year. We just didn't do our job on the defensive end, and that's something we can learn from."

Head Coach Michelle Clark-Heard is known for her defensive schemes, but her team ran into a defensive force in South Dakota.

"This is the best shooting team we've played all year, and it's one of — if not the — toughest teams, and that's an unusual combination," Collins said. "Kendall and Tashia led the conference in minutes played all year, and we've travelled in conference play and

played on Thursday [and] Saturday the last two months. The bottom line is that South Dakota played harder than we did tonight, and they did a better job executing their defensive game plan than we did ours."

The loss marked the final game for McClain, who amassed 75 starts in 129 appearances and is tied for eighth-most in program history.

Besides McClain, every player will return next season with senior guard Micah Jones expected to receive a medical redshirt after suffering a season-ending knee injury against Louisville in the second game of the season.

The Lady Toppers finished the season at 27-7 and one game short of a semifinal appearance in the WNIT in what was considered by some to be a rebuilding year.

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SOFTBALL

# North Texas defeats WKU in conference series

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The Lady Topper softball team (11-15) dropped its series against North Texas this weekend with one win from the first game but two losses split between Friday and Saturday.

“Communicating, having a presence on the mound and just figuring out the little things in between” are the things Head Coach Amy Tudor said the team would be working on. “The little things add up to big things.”

The first game of the series began on Friday at 3 p.m. Junior pitcher Kathryn Downing got the start in the contest as the Lady Toppers grabbed the first two runs of the game after two complete innings.

North Texas caught up rather quickly after its turn to bat in the third and tied the score at an even 2-2. Freshman utility player Bryce Holmgren came up to bat and added her 10th RBI of the season, upping the score 3-2 for WKU’s lead.

This score held until the seventh inning, when a WKU error allowed the Mean Green to tie the score once again.

The game then went into WKU’s first extra inning of the year. The winning runs were scored thanks to senior infielder Brooke Holloway, who helped add three more runs to the team’s score. The final score was 6-3.

Tudor commented on Holloway’s performance this weekend and said she really stood out and had a good series overall defensively and offensively.

The Lady Toppers then headed into the second game of the series beginning at 6 p.m. on Friday.

North Texas started off the game with one run scored. At the bottom of the first, WKU came back and tied the score when sophomore infielder Carleigh Chaumont made it home off freshman outfielder Kelsey McGuffin’s fly ball.

North Texas was determined to stay ahead and notched three more runs in the top of the second. The Mean Green scored three runs on four hits.

Sophomore outfielder Lexie Norfleet started off the bottom of the third for WKU as it tried to catch up with North Texas. Norfleet hit a pop-up that was caught by North Texas catcher Cassidy Webb.

The Mean Green made another out in the next play, and then junior catcher Taylor Proctor was up to bat. After her hit was caught, it was three up, three down for the Lady Toppers in the bottom of the second.

WKU stepped up its offense in the top of the third to try to prevent any more runs from North Texas. This paid off for the team, and the top of the third ended without runs for North Texas.

Sophomore utility player Jordan Mauch hit a home run in the bottom of the third inning to continue her season hitting streak. The hit drove Mauch and Chaumont home to bring the score to 4-3.

North Texas continued to score runs until the end, when it finalized the 9-4 score. Mauch scored one last run in the fifth inning for the Lady Toppers.

“Game one was definitely better. I felt like we were stronger in the circle than in game two, but overall for the day [Saturday], I thought we hit well,” Tudor said.



Sophomore utility player Jordan Mauch (19) attempts to hit the ball during the Lady Toppers’ 9-6 loss against the University of North Texas on Saturday, March 26, at the WKU Softball Complex. **SHABAN ATHUMAN/HERALD**

For the first two innings in the series-deciding game, both teams were held scoreless. Downing started out for the Lady Toppers in the circle and pitched until the third inning, when sophomore pitcher Hannah Parker stepped in to throw.

The third inning was where the action took off for both teams. Each team scored five runs in this single inning.

North Texas scored a run right off the bat, and then an RBI triple was hit before one last run had the team ahead of WKU by five runs.

WKU mirrored North Texas’ performance in the bottom of the third when Mauch notched another home run.

Holmgren then hit a shot that sent

another WKU player home. Parker stepped up to the plate to deliver a hit that tied the two teams.

The Mean Green went on to score two more runs in the next inning, one in the sixth and finally the winning two in the seventh.

The Lady Toppers attempted to catch up in the fifth when Holmgren made it home thanks to a hit by Norfleet.

The Lady Toppers dropped the game and the series with this loss.

“We’re not happy about it,” Tudor said. “I feel like we got beat in all facets of the game.”

Next, WKU will take on Louisville in a home game at the WKU Softball Complex Wednesday at 6 p.m.

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to 3-2 on the season.

In the series finale on Sunday, Thurston and Middle Tennessee’s Jake Wyrick turned the game into a pitching duel. The two pitchers kept the game scoreless through five innings.

“I really challenged Ryan Thurston in our pregame,” Pawlowski said after the game. “I told him that he had to be better than a 58 percent strike thrower. He accepted the challenge and definitely exceeded

it today.”

Thurston didn’t allow a hit until the sixth inning, but the Blue Raiders made sure it counted. With Riley Delgado on second base, Jarreau singled to second base to bring home Delgado for the game’s opening run.

After Thurston pitched a scoreless seventh inning, the Toppers finally drew blood. Scanlon’s RBI single allowed Hudzina to come home just before the Middle Tennessee tag to tie the game.

Immediately after, a wild pitch allowed Duckworth to

come home and give the Toppers the lead. In the top of the eighth, the Blue Raiders nearly tied the game.

With two outs, Jarreau hit a single straight up the middle to sophomore outfielder Grant Malott. Malott gathered the ball and threw a rocket to Downing, who tagged out Middle Tennessee’s Will Schnure at home to keep the Blue Raiders from tying the game.

“Grant has one of our strongest outfield arms,” Pawlowski said. “In that situation, you knew Grant was going to

send it home. He had no other choice. It was a great baseball play.”

Redshirt junior Jackson Sowell came on to finish things off in the top of the ninth. The Bowling Green High School graduate pitched a 1-2-3 inning to put the Blue Raiders away and clinch the sweep.

Thurston pitched 7.0 innings and allowed only two hits to get the victory to improve himself to 3-0 on the season.

“We definitely needed at least two wins in this series,” Thurston said after the final game. “We got three. When

you sweep anybody, it’s a good thing no matter what team it is.”

Next, the WKU baseball team will host Louisville Tuesday at 6 p.m. at Nick Denes field. The Cardinals hold a record of 19-5 (6-3 ACC) and were ranked ninth in the nation in last week’s AP poll.

“We’re looking forward to it,” Pawlowski said about facing a highly ranked Louisville team. “We should have a great crowd. The weather is going to be good. We have a lot of great challenges ahead of us, and one of them is Tuesday.”

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promises that the attendance problem will be solved.

“They said it couldn’t be done at Mississippi State and 11 years in a row, my last 11 years, we sold out every ticket pre-season. That’s what’s going to happen right here,” Stansbury said.

Besides his ties to Meade County, Stansbury also has ties to WKU by way of his great uncle Col. E.B. Stansbury, who is a WKU Athletic Hall of Fame member.

Stansbury will inherit a roster that went 18-16 last season and is set to re-

turn most of its scoring from last season if the suspended players do return.

If not, then he will not inherit a single guard who is on scholarship from last season’s team.

However, two University of Tennessee transfers in redshirt freshman forward Jabari McGhee and sophomore forward Willie Carmichael will be suiting up next season and junior forward Phabian Glasco will be returning from injury.

“I look forward to getting this thing started and to hit this ground running,” Stansbury said. “My family and myself are all really, really excited to be a Topper.”

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## WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

# Lady Toppers fall to USD in WNIT

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The WKU women's basketball season came to an end on Sunday with a 68-54 loss at the hands of South Dakota two days after a thrilling buzzer-beating win at St. Louis.

Kendall Noble, Tashia Brown, Ivy Brown and Jalyyn McClain combined for 72 of WKU's 78 points on Friday in St. Louis.

However, none of the four Lady Toppers who scored in double figures were credited with the most important three points of WKU's 78-76 overtime victory over St. Louis in the Sweet Sixteen of the WNIT.

Freshman guard Sidnee Bopp had scored nine field goals all season long and averaged 1.2 points per game in about eight minutes of action.

But none of that mattered after she banged home the buzzer-beating three-pointer from the corner to lift WKU over St. Louis and put them into the Elite Eight of the WNIT.

"That's a good team that we played," St. Louis head coach Lisa Stone said in a postgame radio interview. "It was a game that could've gone either way. I'm very very proud of our players. Congratulations to Western Kentucky. That's a really good team."

Sophomore guard Tashia Brown had a game-high 22 points and junior guard Noble threatened yet another triple-double with 21 points, nine rebounds and nine assists. Sophomore forward Ivy Brown had a double-double with 17 points and 11 rebounds, and senior forward McClain added 12 points.

St. Louis held a consistent lead through the second half, but the Lady Toppers kept it close and tied the game at 48 near the end of the third quarter.

St. Louis guard Sadie Stipanovich sent the game to overtime with two free throws with 2.1 seconds on the clock in regulation.

The extra period had five lead changes over the final two minutes,

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New WKU men's basketball Head Coach Rick Stansbury speaks during his first press conference at Smith Stadium. Stansbury replaces Ray Harper as head basketball coach after Harper resigned following the suspension of three WKU players on March 17. **JUSTIN GILLILAND/HERALD**

# "Checks every box"

## Rick Stansbury officially announced as head coach

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Former Texas A&M associate head coach Rick Stansbury was formally announced as the fifteenth men's basketball coach in WKU history during a press conference on Monday.

Stansbury's base salary was announced at \$500,000 annually with his contract running through June 30, 2020. His current buyout will be \$750,000.

"I can't tell you how excited we (his family) are to be a part of this," Stansbury said at the press conference. "I am blessed to be a part of it. Growing up, I knew how it used to be here at Western Kentucky. However, it's not about me. It's about everyone here."

The Battletown native was also the head coach at Mississippi State where he went 293-166 in 14 years at the helm. In those 14 years he led the Bulldogs to the postseason 11 times.

Before his tenure as coach at MSU, the Bulldogs had only gone to the

NCAA Tournament seven times in the previous 86 years.

Stansbury also successfully graduated players at MSU at a rate second only to Vanderbilt at his time in the Southeastern Conference.

"We needed an experienced leader who understands every aspect of a basketball program," Athletic Director Todd Stewart said. "Someone with a proven record as a winner, preferably as a head coach, who can lead our program and players to high levels of success on and off the court. With Rick Stansbury, you can check every box."

During Stansbury's time at MSU, the Bulldogs also won eight SEC championships and during his final 10 seasons only the University of Kentucky won more SEC championships than MSU.

Both Stewart and Stansbury mentioned the suspensions of freshman guards Marlon Hunter and Chris McNeal and junior guard Fredrick Edmond from the program following the results of a University Disciplinary

Committee hearing on March 16.

"March 17th was a very difficult day for our men's basketball program," Stewart said. "I do want to take a minute to commend our players for the matter that they have rallied around each other since that time."

"I do not expect the suspended players to return," Stansbury added.

He later quipped, "I was trying to set up a pickup game with the players this morning, but I had no guards to bring the ball up the floor."

Other points of discussion at the press conference was student support and game attendance.

"It all starts with the students," Stansbury said. "We have got to get the pride back into these students and make sure it carries on long after they are gone. I can promise we are going to get those students back at our games."

After the team finished with its second lowest average attendance total since the 1998-99 season, Stansbury

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## BASEBALL

# Hilltoppers sweep rival MTSU in home series

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The WKU baseball team earned its first Conference USA series win of the 2016 season on Friday, Saturday and Sunday against rival Middle Tennessee at Nick Denes Field.

After senior pitcher Austin King carried the Hilltoppers to a 3-1 victory on Friday, the Toppers won the final two games by scores of 10-4 and 2-1 to improve to 14-9 overall on the season.

After getting swept by Old Dominion last weekend to open C-USA play, the sweep over the Blue Raiders moves the Toppers up to .500 in league play.

"It's good to get back in the winning column," junior pitcher Ryan Thurston said. "After losing three, we were kind of stepping on nails between each other. We're a family, so we're going to fight at times, but right now we're together."

Just like during the Friday game, the Toppers took no time getting on the board early in game two of the series on Saturday.

Redshirt sophomore outfielder Harrison Scanlon made the game's first big play from the plate.

With two outs in the bottom of the first, Scanlon smacked an RBI single to score senior infielder Danny Hudzina from third base for the game's first run.

"Scanlon has done such a great job for us," Head Coach John Pawlowski

said. "Harry possesses a great attitude and he's willing to learn. We put him over at first base because of Thomas Peter's injury, and he's doing a good job for us. When the opportunity presents itself, they take advantage of it. He's done a great job of that."

Shortly after Scanlon's RBI, a Blue Raider error allowed sophomore outfielder Kaleb Duckworth to come home to make the score 2-0 after the first inning.

The Blue Raiders answered in the top of the second as Middle Tennessee's Kaleb King hit a sacrifice fly to score Kevin Dupree and cut the lead to 2-1.

Senior pitcher Josh Bartley and Middle Tennessee's Tyler Trout went back and forth on the mound until the top of the fourth inning when the Blue Raiders tied the game.

Brad Jarreau hit a solo home run off Bartley to even the score at 2-2. In the top of the fifth inning, the Blue Raiders took a 3-2 lead off an unearned run.

However, the Blue Raiders gave the lead up in the bottom of the fifth inning. With the bases loaded, junior outfielder Paul Murray and graduate student catcher Ty Downing were walked back to back to give the Toppers a 4-3 lead.

After the two teams traded runs, the Toppers pulled away in the bottom of the seventh. With two men on base, sophomore infielder Steven Kraft delivered an RBI triple to deep centerfield



Redshirt junior infielder Steven Kraft (1) turns a double over Middle Tennessee infielder Austin Dennis (1) during the Hilltoppers' 3-1 win against Middle Tennessee on Friday at Nick Denes Field. **SHABAN ATHUMAN/HERALD**

to score two runs.

"In the beginning of the game we left a lot of guys on base," Pawlowski said. "We kept our approach, and Steven Kraft came up with a big hit to really open things up for us."

Immediately after Kraft's hit, Hudzina scored Kraft on an RBI single to stretch the lead to 8-4. Murray followed Hudzina up with his third hit of the day, bringing home Duckworth to give

the Toppers a 9-4 cushion after seven innings.

Redshirt junior pitcher Kevin Elder closed at the mound and didn't allow another Blue Raider run as the Toppers held on for a 10-4 victory to clinch the series.

Bartley pitched 5.0 innings, struck out six Blue Raiders, and allowed three runs to get the victory while improving

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